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## Superintendent of Documents Clarifies Microform Conversion

[In a letter dated January 18, 1977, written to Ann Shaw, Chairperson of the Government Documents Roundtable Microforms Task Force, American Library Association, Carl A. LaBarre, Assistant Public Printer (Superintendent of Documents) has sought to clarify some apparent misunderstandings regarding GPO's microform program.]

Dear Ms. Shaw:

You have asked for a position statement from this Office as to whether or not depository librarians will be given a choice of either hardcopy or microfiche on items selected for conversion. My response to that question is "yes" for one category of publications and "no" for a second category. To clarify the apparent confusion that currently prevails, let me elaborate. On March 25, 1977, the Joint Committee on Printing gave approval to the Government Printing Office to *distribute in microfiche only* certain material not heretofore printed at a GPO plant and, heretofore, not offered to depository libraries. Thus, the Joint Committee on Printing gave GPO approval to procure two copies of such publications and to convert them to microfiche. These titles will be offered to depository libraries *in microfiche format only*. They will not be available for sale.

The second category of material authorized by the Joint Committee

on Printing consists of documents already distributed to depository libraries in hardcopy but which the Joint Committee on Printing authorized GPO to convert to microfiche if substantial economic savings will result and if requested by depository librarians. Included in this body of material are the 20 specific titles recommended for conversion October 18, 1977, by the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. Included are such title as the **Bureau of Census series, Foreign Trade Reports, Construction Reports, Current Industrial Reports, Bills, Resolutions, Documents and Reports** (beginning with the 96th Congress, 1st Session, Jan-

uary 1979), and others. Titles in this category, if converted, will be offered to depository libraries in *either microfiche or in hardcopy* and the selecting library may elect to receive the document in one format or the other. In other words, GPO is not authorized to distribute a document free to a depository library in hardcopy and also in microfiche. The selecting library must select one of the two formats. In this category of material, GPO is *not authorized to sell microfiche copies in its Sales Program*.

There is also a third category that needs clarification. If an originating Federal Agency has permission to produce a document only in microfiche, then the microfiche format is *the only format which the Superintendent of Documents may distribute*. There are only 15-20 such cases, one of which is the **Consolidated Master Cross Reference List** issued by the Department of Defense. Others are **Actions of the Board of Governors of the Postal Rate Commission** and **Decisions of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission**. The Superintendent of Documents offers this category of publications to depository libraries *only in microfiche* and offers it for sale to the public *only in microfiche*. This policy will continue.

We have undertaken a preference survey on some 11 titles recommended by the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer for possible conversion to a microfiche format. On that survey it was pointed out the depository libraries will be given a choice as to the for-

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## American Library Association Backs GPO Microform Program

mat they can select should the economic analyses prove to be advantageous for such conversion.

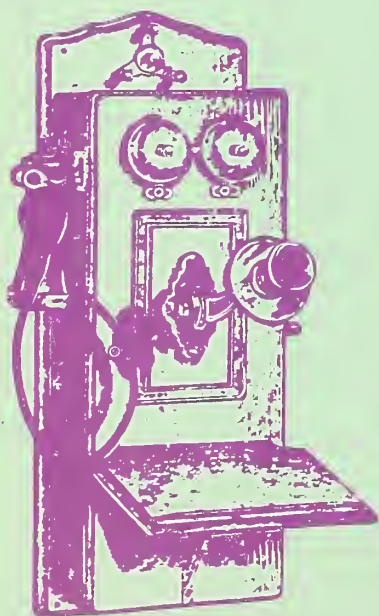
We indicated a choice of format on the recently completed **Code of Federal Regulations** survey where some 300 depository libraries indicated a preference for the microfiche format.

You may rest assured that this Office will not undertake any decision on further conversions to a microfiche format without prior consultation of the depository library community and their representatives.

I sincerely hope that this information meets your requirements and eliminates further misunderstanding. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely,

Carl A. LaBarre



[In a letter dated December 19, 1977, written to the Honorable Howard W. Cannon, Chairman of the Joint Committee on Printing, Ms. Eileen D. Cooke, Director of the American Library Association's Washington Office, expresses support for GPO's efforts to respond to depository library requests for microforms.]

Dear Senator Cannon:

I am writing to express the strong support of the American Library Association and its Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) for the Depository Library Microform Project of the Government Printing Office. The American Library Association is a nonprofit educational organization of some 35,000 librarians, trustees, educators, and other public-spirited citizens who are dedicated to the development of library and information services for the people of the United States. GODORT includes approximately 1,200 members who share professional concerns such as the development of library resources, bibliographic access to documents, inter-library cooperation, management and use of document collections, and the improvement of the national depository system.

We were very pleased that in March 1977 the Joint Committee on Printing approved the Depository Library Microform Project providing for conversion to microfiche and distribution to depository libraries of documents not printed by the Government Printing Office and not presently within the depository library system, and of GPO depository titles when clear cost reductions can be shown so long as the mate-

rials would be appropriate for microform reproduction. The American Library Association has long been on record in support of improvement and extension of the depository system, including provision of material in a variety of formats. We see the Microform Project as a means of increasing the number of federal documents to which the public has access and of promoting an informed citizenry.

We also see the Microform Project as a means of more fully complying with the requirements of the Depository Library Act (Public Law 90-620) which states that "Government publications, except those determined by the issuing component to be required for official use only or for strictly administrative or operational purposes which have no public interest or educational value and publications classified for reasons of national security, shall be made available to depository libraries through the facilities of the Superintendent of Documents for public information."

The American Library Association urges the Joint Committee to continue to support the Depository Library Microform Project which is clearly in the public interest. In order to provide continuing guidance to the project and input from all segments affected by the project, we feel the Public Printer's Micropublishing Advisory Council should be activated without further delay, with representation from the library community equal to that of the private information sector. If you would like further information, I would be glad to provide it.

Sincerely,

Eileen D. Cooke

## Monthly Catalog Corner

Questions frequently arise as to the reason for the appearance of entries in the **Monthly Catalog** with a "for sale" statement but omitting the price. This is especially true in the case of non-GPO sales items.

The Library Division is constantly trying to improve our communication and recordkeeping with other branches of GPO so that the latest sales information can be passed on through the **Monthly Catalog**. Sales items in every **Monthly Catalog** are verified against the **Publications Reference File** to provide accurate prices and stock numbers for GPO sales publications. However, the recording of sales information for documents sold by other Federal agencies poses a different problem.

Information concerning prices

and price changes is not always supplied by the various Federal agencies for their sales items. The **Monthly Catalog** has carried whatever information was available but this often meant communicating inaccurate information to the public. This resulted in unnecessary difficulties for GPO, the Federal agencies, and, most importantly, for the public. To prevent the dissemination of misleading information on materials over which we had no control, a policy was adopted for the **Monthly Catalog** to discontinue the reporting of prices on all non-GPO sales items. A "for sale" statement and address are included in the record to inform the user of availability but the price line is omitted. The only exception to this practice is the preparation

of the **Serials Supplement** where the latest known subscription and single issue purchase price are listed.

A different but nonetheless related area is the problem of revised editions available for sale by GPO. The revised edition often carries a "for sale" line printed on the publication. However, the policy of GPO is to continue selling the older edition of the document until the supply has been exhausted. When the earlier edition is no longer available, the newer edition will be sold. The **Monthly Catalog** does not carry the later edition as a sales item. Instead, a note is added to the entry stating that the earlier edition is available for sale from the Superintendent of Documents and provides the stock number along with the price.

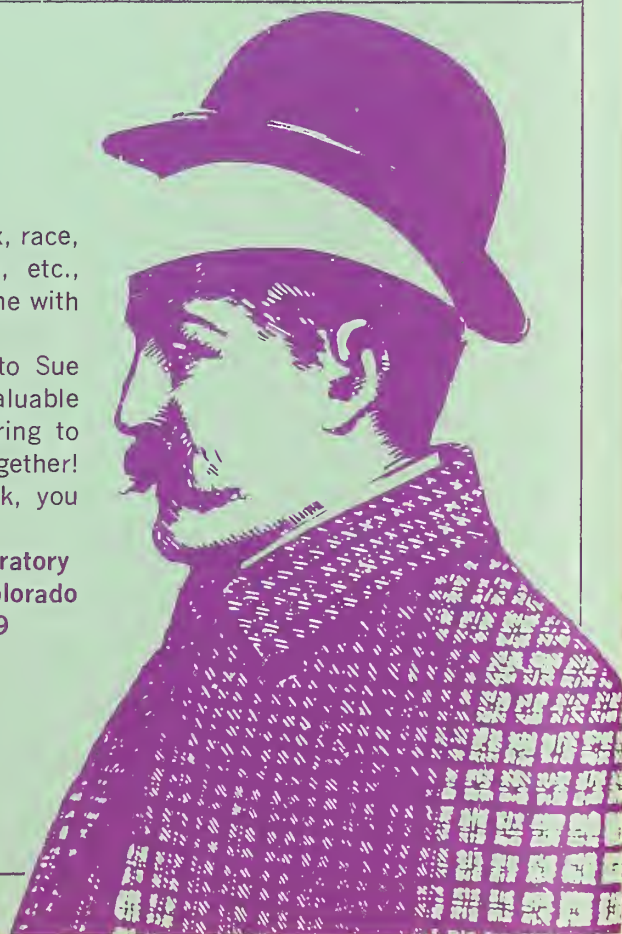
## Colorado Census Material Brought Together in a Landmark Work

One of the most useful documents volumes recently compiled from documents has been enthusiastically received in the State of Colorado. Sue Schultze, Documents Librarian for the depository library at the University of Northern Colorado, decided that juggling so many big volumes of census material in search of Colorado was just too much. So she set about identifying all the available Colorado census material and bringing it together. The result has been a local best-selling work titled, **A Century of Colorado Census, 1860-1970**. It contains population counts, beginning with early territorial years. Supplementing it is a volume of indexes,

population tables for age, sex, race, ethnic background, families, etc., along with 44 diazo microfiche with data.

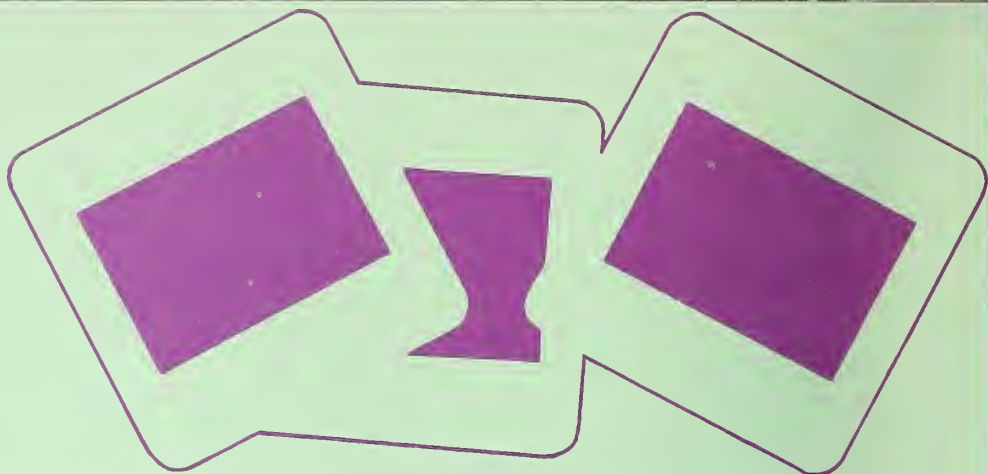
Your Editor tips his hat to Sue Schultze for providing a valuable model for other states desiring to bring their census data together! For information on this work, you can write to her, or to:

**The Micrographics Laboratory  
University of Northern Colorado  
Greeley, Colorado 80639**





## Slide/Tape Show Created For Government Documents



From time to time depositories tackle patron education by using audio-visual materials. One of the more successful efforts of this kind has come to the attention of **Highlights**. It could well serve as a model for similar programs.

The U.S. Government Documents Division of the New Mexico State

University Library has produced an orientation slide/tape program on "Government Documents and How to Locate Them."

Lila M. Foss, Documents Librarian, and the staff of the Documents Division began planning the show in February 1977. Throughout the spring and summer the script was

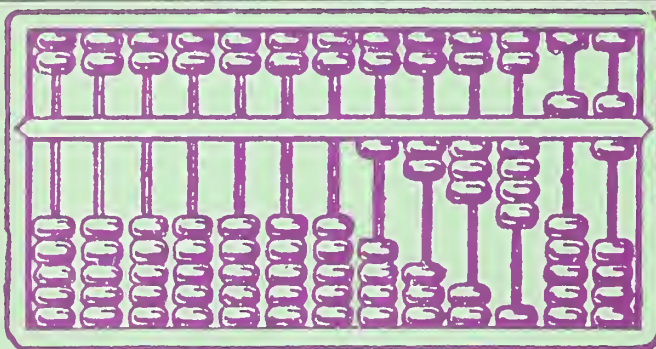
written. Slides and tape were developed by the University's Audio Visual Center, and cartoons created by a member of the University student newspaper staff. When the fall 1977 semester opened, the show was ready for viewing.

The slide/tape show is a thirteen minute introduction to the U.S. Government Documents Division of the University Library. It gives a general physical layout of the area on the fourth floor where U.S. Government documents are housed. The tape and colorful cartoons illustrate the use of indexes, particularly the **Monthly Catalog**, in locating documents.

The effort has been most rewarding and well-received by patrons. Librarians interested in learning more about this audio-visual approach can write to:

**Ms. Lila M. Foss**  
Documents Librarian  
Documents Division—Dept.  
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New Mexico State University  
Library  
Box 3475  
Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003

## Census Bureau Offering Workshops Nationwide



Recently issued by the Census Bureau is a new brochure titled, "Data User Education and Training Activities: 1978 Schedule." Depository librarians may wish to take advantage of workshops and seminars in their areas covering a wide range of topics from "Census Bureau Geography, Geocoding, and Geographic Base Files," being offered in Detroit on August 9-11, to

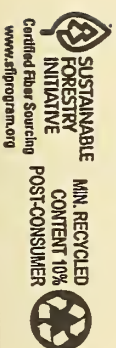
"Elementary Methods for Population Projection" which is scheduled in Seattle on September 11-15. For the full list, just ask for the brochure by calling (301)-763-5483 or write to:

**U.S. Bureau of the Census**  
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User Training Branch  
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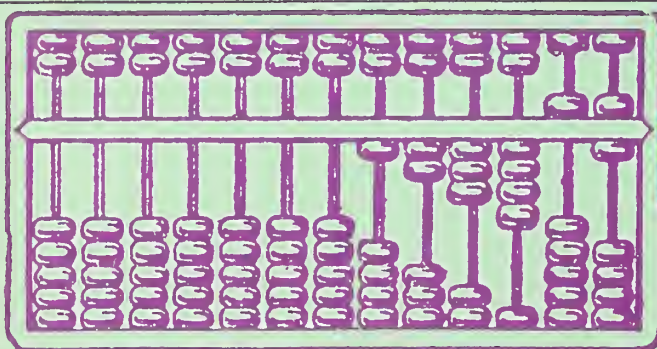
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## Questions and Answers

## Special Needs



**Q.** What is the status of labels with SuDoc numbers for depositories which was being discussed during 1977?

**A.** A majority of depositories expressed interest in receiving self-adhesive labels with SuDoc numbers printed on them along with their Shipping Lists. Initially, GPO explored the possibility and cost of sending out a complete set of labels with each Shipping List. The expense was greater than anticipated. Recognizing this, along with the fact that labels for non-selected items would be wasted, new possibilities are being explored in search of a less costly approach. Suggestions from depository librarians wanting labels would be most welcome. Just drop a note to:

**Jim Livsey, Director  
Library and Statutory  
Distribution Service  
Government Printing Office  
5236 Eisenhower Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia 22304**

### Language Tapes Available

From time to time depositories receiving the **Basic Language Courses** (S 1.114/2: ) under Item 872-A inquire about the possibility of obtaining the language tapes designed to accompany many of them. Although not depository items, most of the tapes are available and a new catalog of them has just been released. It can be had on request by calling (202)-763-1896, or writing to:

**National Audiovisual Center  
(NAC)  
Attention: Reference Section  
General Services  
Administration  
Washington, D.C. 20409**



If your depository library has some special needs of a general or specific nature, let us know. Below are some recent requests. If you can offer discards, write the requesting depository a letter (sending a copy to your regional). The library accepting the material agrees to pay any postage and packing costs that may be necessary.

#### Specific needs

Congressional Record, vol. 96, pt. 18; vols. 110-114, all parts; vol. 115, pts. 1-15, 18, 23, 26, 29, 31; vol. 120, pt. 32.

Monthly Catalog, 1976, July; 1977, April.

Treaties and Other International Agreements of the U.S.A., 1776-1949, vols. 1-3.

**Ms. Elaine Baarson  
Documents Librarian  
Tucson Public Library  
Post Office Box 27470  
Tucson, Arizona 85726**

Numerical List and Schedule of Volumes, all issues.

Serial Set, volumes prior to number 12713, or complete set.

**Ms. Veronica Maclay  
Documents Librarian  
Hastings College of the Law Library  
University of California  
198 McAllister Street  
San Francisco, California 94102**

Federal Register, vol. 40, nos. 4, 7, 16, 17, 30, 36, 37.

Ms. Jan Nelson  
Government Documents Librarian  
Lewis University Library  
Route 53  
Lockport, Illinois 60441

Foreign Agriculture, vol. 3, no. 20;  
vol. 5, no. 28; vol. 7, no. 51; vol. 9,  
nos. 48, 50; vol. 10, nos. 5, 26; vol.  
11, nos. 1, 50; vol. 12, nos. 3, 23,  
30, 38, 44, 46, 50; vol. 13, nos. 3,  
13, 46; vol. 14, nos. 2, 3, 5.

Soil Conservation, 1974, Sept.;  
1976, Nov.

Mr. Loren L. Pinkerman  
Documents Librarian  
Calvin T. Ryan Library  
Kearney State College  
Kearney, Nebraska 68847

Calendars of the U.S. House of Rep-  
resentatives and History of Legisla-  
tion, final edition, 94th Congress,  
1974-75.

Government Reports Announce-  
ments, vol. 74, no. 5.

Mr. William LaBissoniere  
Head, Government Publications  
Division  
University of Minnesota Libraries  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

American Rehabilitation, vol. 1, nos.  
1, 2.

Census of Business, 1967, Retail  
Trade Area Statistics, vol. 2, pt. 1.

Commercial Fisheries Abstracts, vol.  
25, nos. 1, 9, 10, 12.

Commercial Fisheries Review, vol.  
29, nos. 8, 9; vol. 30, no. 22; vol. 31,  
nos. 1, 3.



Economic Indicators, 1976, May,  
June.

Health Aspects of Pesticides Bulle-  
tin, vol. 5, no. 4.

Marijuana Decriminalization Supple-  
ment Number 2.

Monthly Checklist of State Publica-  
tions, vol. 66, no. 5.

Survey of Current Business, vol. 55,  
no. 1.

Mr. Fermin H. Arrieta  
Government Documents Librarian  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Library  
Box 53, Southern Station  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401

Kidney Disease and Nephrology  
Index, 1, Subject Section, vol. 2,  
nos. 4-6.

U.S. Reports, vols. 401, 403.

Mr. Duane E. Henricks  
Documents Librarian  
Kent Library  
Southeast Missouri State University  
Library  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701

Family Economics Review, 1976, no.  
1.

Food and Nutrition, vol. 5, no. 6.

Progressive Fish-Culturist, vol. 36,  
no. 3.

Statistical Reporter, vol. 76, nos.  
4-7.

Ms. Kathryn Erisman  
Documents Librarian  
Central Missouri State University  
Warrensburg, Missouri 64093

Weekly Compilation of Presidential  
Documents, vol. 12, no. 10; vol. 13,  
no. 18.

Mr. Paul Axel-Lute  
Federal Documents Librarian  
Rutgers Law Library  
Rutgers University  
180 University Avenue  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Aging, 1974, Jan.-May.

Children Today, 1975, May-June.

Department of State Bulletin, vol.  
72, no. 1867.

FDA Papers, vol. 4, no. 1.

Monthly Catalog, 1940, May-Oct.,  
Dec.; 1947, Jan.-Feb.

Monthly Checklist of State Publica-  
tions, 1949, June; 1950, August;  
1975, May.

Mosaic, vol. 5, no. 2.

Problems of Communism, vol. 12, no. 1.

Survey of Current Business, vol. 55,  
no. 1.



Transition, vol. 1, nos. 3, 4.

Treasury Bulletin, 1972, Jan.; 1977, April.

Ms. Suzanne S. Davis  
Head of Public Services  
Everett Library  
Queens College  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28274

Aging, 1968, Jan.-March; 1971, Sept.; 1972, March-April; 1973, Sept., Oct.

Alcohol Health and Research World, vol. 1, no. 1.

Public Management Sources, 1977, June-Oct.

Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports, Annual Indexes, 1970, Section 2, Subject Index (Lev-Z).

U.S. Department of State, Bulletin, vol. 20, nos. 510-11, 518-21; vol. 21, no. 533; vol. 22, nos. 556-57; vol. 27, no. 681; vol. 32, no. 824; vol. 33, index; vol. 34, all issues; vol. 35, all issues, index; vol. 76, no. 2008.

U.S. Department of State, Newsletter, 1972, Sept.

Mrs. Jean Leathers  
Periodicals-Documents Assistant  
Shafer Library  
Findlay College  
1000 North Main Street  
Findlay, Ohio 45840

Monthly Catalog, 1976, July.

Ms. Renate Sachse  
Documents Librarian  
Fackenthal Library  
Franklin and Marshall College  
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17604

Access, 1963, Sept.-Oct.; 1974, July-Aug.

American Education, 1976, March.

Army Research and Development, 1975, Jan.-Feb.

Farmer Cooperatives, 1974, July.

Resources in Education Index, 1976, Jan.-June.

Mr. Gerald J. Krueger  
Documents Librarian  
Polk Library  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54901

### Specific offers

Contact should be made with the library making the offer, not with your Editor! Libraries not having Regionals may only offer depository material when they have replaced it with microform or reprint, and have inquired from depositories within their State if it is wanted there. Duplicate copies, gifts, purchases, and other Government documents not received through the depository program may also be offered by such depositories.

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions, 94th Congress, 1st Session, Final Issue, pt. 1.

Ms. Harriet Day  
Assistant Librarian  
Magale Library  
Magnolia Campus  
Southern Arkansas University  
Magnolia, Arkansas 71753

Current Population Reports, series P-20, nos. 10-17, 85, 102, 110, 112, 132, 171-313 (some gaps); series P-23, nos. 2, 13-15, 28, 33, 40, 46-64; series P-25, nos. 121-170, 286, 310, 461, 472-709 (some gaps); series P-26, nos. 47-138 (some gaps); series P-27, nos. 45-48; series P-28, nos. 1507-09, 1512, 1522, 1537, 1546; series P-60, nos. 47, 51, 53, 56, 59-67, 69-79, 82-86, 89-92, 95, 96, 105, 106; series P-65, nos. 7-9, 19, 21, 25, 26, 33, 37, 40, 43-45, 48.

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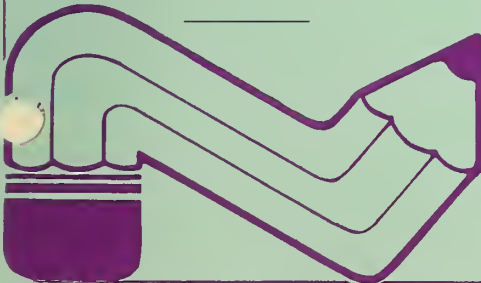
Geophysics Abstracts, nos. 205-299.

Water Supply Papers, nos. 1200-2135 (some missing, 24 shelf feet left!).

Mrs. Elizabeth Moulton  
Documents Librarian  
Winn Library  
Gordan College  
255 Grapevine Road  
Wenham, Massachusetts 01984

American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac, 1975-76.

Congressional Record, vol. 118, pt. 13; vol. 120, pt. 11.





Court Decisions Relating to the National Labor Relations Act, vol. 20, Sept. 1, 1969–June 30, 1970.

Digest of Decisions of the National Labor Relations Board, vols. 116–127, July 1, 1956–June 30, 1960.

Measurement of Noise Performance Factors: a Metrology Guide, NBS Monograph No. 142.

Serial Set, 12850–3, 12886–2, 12980–8 (vol. 2), 13027, 13098–4, 13110–3.

The U.S. Army Chaplaincy, 1791–1865; same, 1945–1975.

U.S. Board of Tax Appeals Reports, vol. 4, April 21, 1926–Sept. 30, 1926.

U.S. Code, 1970 edition, Titles 8–11.

Mr. Robert F. Gaines  
Documents Microforms Librarian  
University of North Carolina at  
Greensboro Library  
Greensboro, North Carolina 27412

Business Conditions Digest, 1975, Sept., Oct.; 1976, Feb., March.

Monthly Labor Review, 1974, Nov., Dec.; 1975, Oct.

Problems of Communism, 1974, May–June.

Public Health Reports, 1974, July–Aug.; 1976, Jan.–Feb., March–April.

Scientific and Technical Aerospace Reports, Annual Indexes, 1970, Section 1, Subject Index (A–Leu).

U.S. Library of Congress Quarterly

Journal, 1970, Oct.

U.S. Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation, Division of Grants, Historic Preservation: Grants-in-Aid Catalog, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966.

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Agricultural Situation, vols. 29–31, 32–56, 57–58.

Department of State, Bulletin, vols. 38–69.

Federal Reserve Bulletin, vols. 1, 4–6, 7–10, 11–20, 21, 22–60.

International Commerce, vols. 1–76.

Monthly Labor Review, vols. 1–97.

Occupational Outlook Quarterly, vols. 1–16.

Public Roads, vols. 12–25, 37.

Radiation Data and Reports, vols. 1–15.

Social Security Bulletin, vols. 1–37.

U.S. National Bureau of Standards, Journal of Research, vols. 1–63; and from 1960 on Engineering and Instrumentation; Mathematical Science; Physics and Chemistry; Radio Science.

Ms. Frances D. Ellison  
Documents Librarian  
Dacus Library  
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Rock Hill, South Carolina 29733

Congressional Record, bound, vols. 91–109, 118–121.

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Business & Industry Librarian  
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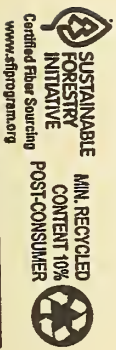
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